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**DECLARATION UNDER RULE 131**

We, the undersigned inventors, hereby declare that:

1. We along with Robert T. Rosen, who is unable to sign this declaration as he is presently incapacitated and is in an intensive care unit, are first and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified application.
  
2. We reduced to practice the invention set forth in the above-identified application in this country prior to October 14, 2002. The effective date of Liang et al., 2002, Nutrition and Cancer, Vol. 42 (2):217-223 is October 14, 2002 (see Exhibit 1).
  
3. Mou-Tuan Huang, one of the joint inventors, has conducted in vivo assays to show anti-inflammatory activity of various benzotropolone containing compounds. A copy of pertinent pages from laboratory notebook entries of Mou-Tuan Huang is enclosed herewith as Exhibit 2 to establish reduction to practice of the invention of the above application. The pages, numbered 1-16, contain data related to the anti-inflammatory activity of theaflavins, epigallocatechin-3-gallate and benzotropolone derivatives. Specifically, the data therein show the inhibitory effect of theaflavins and benzotropolone derivatives on TPA-induced edema of mouse ear. The data were obtained from the work conducted prior to the effective date of the Liang et al., reference. Thus, from Exhibit 2, it can be seen that the invention claimed in this application was made by the date earlier than the publication date of the Liang et al., reference.

By signing below, we hereby further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information or belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or by imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing there upon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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This letter will serve as documentation that the following article:

Inhibition of 12-O-Tetradecanoylphorbol-13-Acetate-Induced Inflammatory Skin Edema and Ornithine Decarboxylase Activity by Theaflavin-3,3'-Digallate in Mouse

Yu-Chih Liang, De-Cheng Tsai, Shoei-Yn Lin-Shiau, Chieh-Fu Chen, Chi-Tang Ho, Jen-Kun Lin

was published in *Nutrition and Cancer*, vol. 42, no. 2, 2002, pp. 217-223.

The print version was published October 14, 2002. The online version was available November 25, 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that appears to read "Mary Araneo".

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